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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 and 26-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 & 26-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-24, 26-41 & 45-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon et al. (U.S. 6,104,582) in view of Pinder (U.S. 6,112,074).

Regarding claims 1 & 45, Cannon discloses a method for providing a device with protection from weather events [figs.1-2, col.2, lines 3-17 and col.3, lines 10-23] comprising:

- receiving (32) a notification from a weather event / severe weather [col.4, lines 11-17 and lines 58-67];
- storm alert determination module (32) at least one weather characteristic as a local storm / wind alert warning [col.2, lines 53-67 , col.4, lines 58 to col.5, line 19];
- a computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];

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- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon does not specifically disclose a term as querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic, the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities as claimed by the applicant.

However, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the computer system (10) from weather events NOT only one computer itself, the system may include more than one as desired which those skilled in the art will recognize that. Cannon discloses the system could be other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. may connect to the network to receive weather information as periodically or occasionally **contact** the weather service communication server (30) to determine the presence or forecast of severe weather in step (304) as well as earthquake plus other news like sport entertainment, stocks updated, or important news in the U.S and the world is inherently are broadcasted by major communication networks. A processor (20) of the system (10), the storm alert determination module (32) is a software module included within the program code are connected to the computer system (10) components including **data store on the hard drive (400) as storing the weather characteristic as to provide protection against damage and destruction by severe weather** [figs.1, 4, col.5, lines 8-19, col.6, lines 4-17 and lines 45-62].

Furthermore, Pinder teaches a radio communication system (110) which receives information from a weather service broadcast center (105) as part of the locality information and

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querying a database, which database maps event location codes to corresponding transmitter locations as a search criteria [fig.1, col.5, lines 1-6 and col.6, lines 1-6].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have the teaching of Pinder in the system of Cannon for contacting as questioning to the weather service center, determining a dangerous of weather event and providing protection against damage and destruction by the severe weather to the electronic equipments.

Regarding claims 2-3, The notification is received from a weather monitoring device as the weather service communication server (30) or radio, TV channel, by any radio frequency wireless communication [figs.1,4, col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 11-33].

Regarding claim 4, The computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as severe weather / local storm / winds alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19].

Regarding claim 5, Cannon discloses a method for providing a device with protection from weather events [figs.1-2, col.2, lines 3-17 and col.3, lines 10-23] comprising:

- receiving (32) a notification from a weather event / severe weather [col.4, lines 11-17 and lines 58-67];
- storm alert determination module (32) at least one weather characteristic as a local storm / wind alert warning [col.2, lines 53-67, col.4, lines 58 to col.5, line 19];

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- a computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon does not specifically disclose a term as ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic.

However, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the computer system (10) from weather events NOT only one computer itself, the system may include more than one as desired which those skilled in the art will recognize that and Cannon discloses the system could be other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. may connect to the network to receive weather information as periodically or occasionally **contact** the weather service communication server (30) to determine the presence or forecast of severe weather in step (304) as well as earthquake plus other news like sport entertainment, stocks updated, or important news in the U.S and the world is inherently are broadcasted by major communication networks. A processor (20) of the system (10), the storm alert determination module (32) is a software module included within the program code are connected to the computer system (10) components including **data store on the hard drive (400) as storing the weather characteristic as to provide protection against damage and destruction by severe weather** [figs.1, 4, col.5, lines 8-19, col.6, lines 4-17 and lines 45-62].

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Furthermore, Pinder teaches a radio communication system (110) which receives information from a weather service broadcast center (105) as part of the locality information and querying a database, which database maps event location codes to corresponding transmitter locations as a search criteria [fig.1, col.5, lines 1-6 and col.6, lines 1-6].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have the teaching of Pinder in the system of Cannon for contacting as questioning to the weather service center, determinating a dangerous of weather event and providing protection against damage and destruction by the severe weather to the electronic equipments.

Regarding claims 6 & 11, The computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted, imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Regarding claim 7, Cannon does not specifically disclose the notification of the weather event includes an indication of a geographic region for the weather event.

Pinder teaches radio communication system (110) is a weather warning system (110) to notify a user which receives weather information from the weather service broadcast center (105) when weather alerts issued to geographic area of interest with area codes (120,130,140) or specific area / particular county such as tornado, high winds, hurricane, winter storm or national emergencies includes time of interval or time of the day by a wireless communication signals [figs.1-4, col.2, lines 23-55].

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilizing the teaching of Pider in the system of Cannon for determining, monitoring and indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten to the residences.

Regarding claim 8-9, Pinder discloses the weather warning system (110) notify a user which receives weather information from the weather service broadcast center (105) when weather alerts issued to geographic area of interest with area codes (120,130,140) or specific area / particular county such as tornado, high winds, hurricane, winter storm or national emergencies includes time of interval or time of the day by a wireless communication signals [figs.1-4, col.2, lines 23-55].

Regarding claim 10, The notification is received from a weather monitoring device as the weather service communication server (30) or radio, TV channel, by any radio frequency wireless communication [figs.1,4, col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 11-33];

- the computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as severe weather / local storm / winds alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

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Regarding claims 12, 16 & 46, Cannon discloses a method for providing a device with protection from weather events [figs.1-2, col.2, lines 3-17 and col.3, lines 10-23] comprising:

- receiving (32) a notification from a weather event / severe weather [col.4, lines 11-17 and lines 58-67];
- storm alert determination module (32) at least one weather characteristic as a local storm / wind alert warning [col.2, lines 53-67, col.4, lines 58 to col.5, line 19];
- a computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm as a current location / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon does not specifically disclose the notification of the weather event includes an indication of a geographic region for the weather event, ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic, the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

However, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the computer system (10) from weather events NOT only one computer itself, the system may include more than one as desired which those skilled in the art will recognize that and Cannon discloses the system could be other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. may connect to the network to receive weather information as periodically or occasionally **contact** the weather service communication server (30) to determine

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the presence or forecast of severe weather in step (304) as well as earthquake plus other news like sport entertainment, stocks updated, or important news in the U.S and the world is inherently are broadcasted by major communication networks. A processor (20) of the system (10), the storm alert determination module (32) is a software module included within the program code are connected to the computer system (10) components including **data store on the hard drive (400) as storing the weather characteristic as to provide protection against damage and destruction by severe weather** [figs.1, 4, col.5, lines 8-19, col.6, lines 4-17 and lines 45-62].

Furthermore, Pinder teaches a radio communication system (110) is a weather warning system (110) to notify a user which receives weather information from the weather service broadcast center (105) when weather alerts issued to geographic area of interest with area codes (120,130,140) or specific area / particular county such as tornado, high winds, hurricane, winter storm or national emergencies includes time of interval or time of the day by a wireless communication signals [figs.1-4, col.2, lines 23-55] and the radio communication system (110) which receives information from a weather service broadcast center (105) as part of the locality information and querying a database, which database maps event location codes to corresponding transmitter locations as a search criteria [fig.1, col.5, lines 1-6 and col.6, lines 1-6].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilizing the teaching of Pider in the system of Cannon for determining, monitoring and indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten to the residences and for contacting as calling,

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questioning to the weather service center, determining a dangerous of weather event and providing protection against damage and destruction by the severe weather to the electronic equipments.

Regarding claims 13-14, The notification is received from a weather monitoring device as the weather service communication server (30) or radio, TV channel, by any radio frequency wireless communication [figs.1,4, col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 11-33].

Regarding claim 15, The computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as severe weather / local storm / winds alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19].

Regarding claim 17, The computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted, imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Regarding claim 18, Pinder discloses the weather warning system (110) notify a user which receives weather information from the weather service broadcast center (105) when weather alerts issued to geographic area of interest with area codes (120,130,140) or specific area / particular county & zip code such as tornado, high winds, hurricane, winter storm or national emergencies includes time of interval or time of the day by a wireless communication signals [figs.1-4, col.2, lines 23-55].

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Regarding claims 19-20, The notification is received from a weather monitoring device as the weather service communication server (30) or radio, TV channel, by any radio frequency wireless communication [figs.1,4, col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 11-33];

- the computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as severe weather / local storm / winds alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Regarding claim 21, Cannon discloses a system for protection devices / computer system (10) from weather events [figs.1-2, col.2, lines 3-17 and col.3, lines 10-23] comprising:

- receiving (32) a notification from a weather event / severe weather [col.4, lines 11-17 and lines 58-67];
- storm alert determination module (32) at least one weather characteristic as a local storm / wind alert warning [col.2, lines 53-67, col.4, lines 58 to col.5, line 19];
- a computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon fails specifically mention the system comprising a plurality of devices communicatively coupled over a network, the plurality of devices of different susceptibilities and a term as querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic as claimed by the applicant.

However, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the computer system (10) from weather events NOT only one computer itself, the system may include more than one as desired which those skilled in the art will recognize that and Cannon discloses the system could be other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. may connect to the network to receive weather information, earthquake plus other news like sport entertainment, stocks updated, or important news in the U.S and the world is inherently are broadcasted by major communication networks. A processor (20) of the system (10), the storm alert determination module (32) is a software module included within the program code are connected to the computer system (10) components including **data store on the hard drive (400) as storing the weather characteristic as to provide protection against damage and destruction by severe weather** [figs.1, 4, col.5, lines 8-19, col.6, lines 4-17 and lines 45-62].

Furthermore, Pinder teaches a radio communication system (110) which receives information from a weather service broadcast center (105) as part of the locality information and querying a database, which database maps event location codes to corresponding transmitter locations as a search criteria [fig.1, col.5, lines 1-6 and col.6, lines 1-6].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have the teaching of Pinder in the system of Cannon for contacting as questioning to the weather service

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center, determining a dangerous of weather event and protecting our property damage such as electronic communication devices due to the severe weather characteristic from the notified weather event.

Regarding claim 22, The notification is received from a weather monitoring device as the weather service communication server (30) or radio, TV channel, e-mail or by any radio frequency wireless communication [figs.1,4, col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 11-33].

Regarding claim 23, The computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];

- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon does not specifically disclose the system does not take protective action to protect at least one device of plurality of devices which is ascertained as not susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from notified weather event.

However, today most of our homes may have at least one of device such as portable electronic fan, smoke detector, refrigerator, washing machine, drying machine, etc. does not take protective action to protect which is ascertained as not susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from notified weather event is an obvious in our modern life as skilled in the art should recognize this status condition.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have the system of Cannon for not necessary to protect an electronic device which is ascertained as not susceptible due to the severe weather characteristic from the notified weather event.

Regarding claim 24, The computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as severe weather / local storm / winds alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19].

Regarding claim 26, The computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted, imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Regarding claim 27, Cannon does not specifically disclose the notification of the weather event includes an indication of a geographic region for the weather event.

Pinder teaches radio communication system (110) is a weather warning system (110) to notify a user which receives weather information from the weather service broadcast center (105) when weather alerts issued to geographic area of interest with area codes (120,130,140) or specific area / particular county such as tornado, high winds, hurricane, winter storm or national emergencies includes time of interval or time of the day by a wireless communication signals [figs.1-4, col.2, lines 23-55].

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilizing the teaching of Pinder in the system of Cannon for determining, monitoring and indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten to the residences.

Regarding claim 28-29, Pinder discloses the weather warning system (110) notify a user which receives weather information from the weather service broadcast center (105) when weather alerts issued to geographic area of interest with area codes (120,130,140) or specific area / particular county & zip code such as tornado, high winds, hurricane, winter storm or national emergencies includes time of interval or time of the day by a wireless communication signals [figs.1-4, col.2, lines 23-55].

Regarding claim 30, The notification is received from a weather monitoring device as the weather service communication server (30) or radio, TV channel , by any radio frequency wireless communication [figs.1,4, col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 11-33];

- the computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as severe weather / local storm / winds alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

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Regarding claim 31, The computer system (10) and other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted, imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Regarding claim 32, Cannon discloses a system for configuring a device / computer system (10) for protection from weather events [figs.1-2, col.2, lines 3-17 and col.3, lines 10-23] comprising:

- receiving (32) a notification from a weather event / severe weather [col.4, lines 11-17 and lines 58-67];
- storm alert determination module (32) at least one weather characteristic as a local storm / wind alert warning [col.2, lines 53-67, col.4, lines 58 to col.5, line 19];
- a computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon does not specifically disclose a term as ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic, the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

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However, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the computer system (10) from weather events NOT only one computer itself, the system may include more than one as desired which those skilled in the art will recognize that and Cannon discloses the system could be other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. may connect to the network to receive weather information as periodically or occasionally **contact** the weather service communication server (30) to determine the presence or forecast of severe weather in step (304) as well as earthquake plus other news like sport entertainment, stocks updated, or important news in the U.S and the world is inherently are broadcasted by major communication networks. A processor (20) of the system (10), the storm alert determination module (32) is a software module included within the program code are connected to the computer system (10) components including **data store on the hard drive (400) as storing the weather characteristic as to provide protection against damage and destruction by severe weather** [figs.1, 4, col.5, lines 8-19, col.6, lines 4-17 and lines 45-62].

Furthermore, Pinder teaches a radio communication system (110) which receives information from a weather service broadcast center (105) as part of the locality information and querying a database, which database maps event location codes to corresponding transmitter locations as a search criteria [fig.1, col.5, lines 1-6 and col.6, lines 1-6].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have the teaching of Pinder in the system of Cannon for contacting as questioning to the weather service center, determining a dangerous of weather event and protecting our property damage such as electronic communication devices due to the severe weather characteristic from the notified weather event.

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Regarding claim 33, Cannon discloses a system for configuring a device for protection / computer system (10) from weather events [figs.1-2, col.2, lines 3-17 and col.3, lines 10-23] comprising:

- an information handling system / electronic communication system such as computer system (10), television (40), audio devices (50), etc. to receive local weather information / weather service communication server (30) [fig.4, col.6, col.4-10 and lines 53-62];
- a weather radio for monitoring the weather coupled to the information handling system (10,40,50) through wireless signal [col.4, lines 18-33];
- storm alert determination module (32) at least one weather characteristic as a local storm / wind alert warning [col.2, lines 53-67, col.4, lines 58 to col.5, line 19];
- the electronic communication system (10,40,50) is connected to the weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the electronic communication system (10,40,50) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon does not specifically disclose a receiver which controls the electronic device and a term as querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic, the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

However, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the electronic communication system which can be a computer system (10), television (40), audio devices (50),

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etc. to receive local weather information / weather service communication server (30) through a storm alert determination module [figs.1,4, col.6, col.4-10 and lines 53-62];

- storm alert determination module for receiving (32) a notification from a weather event / severe weather and controlling the power of the computer system (10) [figs.1,4, col.4, lines 11-17 and lines 58-67];

- a processor (20) of the system (10), the storm alert determination module (32) is a software module included within the program code are connected to the computer system (10) components including **data store on the hard drive (400) as storing the weather characteristic as to provide protection against damage and destruction by severe weather** [figs.1, 4, col.5, lines 8-19, col.6, lines 4-17 and lines 45-62].

Furthermore, Pinder teaches a radio communication system (110) which receives information from a weather service broadcast center (105) as part of the locality information and querying a database, which database maps event location codes to corresponding transmitter locations as a search criteria [fig.1, col.5, lines 1-6 and col.6, lines 1-6].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have the teaching of Pinder in the system of Cannon for receiving the severe weather characteristic as contacting, questioning to the weather service center, determining a dangerous of weather event and protecting our property damage such as electronic communication devices due to the severe weather characteristic from the notified weather event.

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Regarding claim 34, Cannon discloses the weather radio / electronic communication system (10,40,50) is communicately coupled to an Internet (28) [fig.1, col.3, lines 17-24 and lines 35-57].

Regarding claim 35, The computer system (10) and other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted, imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Regarding claim 36, Cannon discloses the information handling system is connected to a telephone network (40) through a modem (18) [figs.1,4, col.3, lines 43-47 and col.col.6, col.4-10 and lines 53-62].

Regarding claim 37, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the computer system (10) from weather events NOT only one computer itself, the system may include more than one device as desired which those skilled in the art will recognize that and Cannon discloses the system could be other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones and etc. may connect to the network to receive weather information, earthquake plus other news like sport entertainment, stocks updated, or important news in the U.S and the world is inherently are broadcasted by major communication networks [fig.4, col.6, lines 45-62].

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Regarding claims 38-39, Cannon discloses the electronic communication system such as the computer system (10), televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices (50), telephones, and etc. which could be personal digital assistant as well is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted, imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Regarding claims 40-41, Cannon discloses the weather radio / electronic communication system (10,40,50) / convergence device is communicately coupled to an Internet (28) [fig.1, col.3, lines 17-24 and lines 35-57].

3. Claims 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cannon et al. (U.S. 6,104,582) in view of Pinder (U.S. 6,112,074) further in view of Miche (U.S. 5,742,235).

Regarding claim 42, The combination of Cannon & Pinder do not specifically the protection action may include turning of a water supply & gas supply.

Miche teaches a safety device for warning people to take cover which causes by a natural forces. The safety device to secure movable objects, shut off gas, water pipeline (26) and deactivate electrical equipment (25) as protecting property damage [fig.8, col.3, lines 37-47, col.6, lines 47-65 and abstract].

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilizing the teaching of Miche in the system of Cannon & Pinder for preventing or reducing property damage due to the severe weather, in addition to its potential life saving benefits.

Regarding claims 43-44, Cannon discloses the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted, imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24] and

Miche teaches a safety device for warning people to take cover which causes by a natural forces. The safety device to secure movable objects, shut off gas, water pipeline (26) and deactivate electrical equipment (25) as protecting property damage [fig.8, col.3, lines 37-47, col.6, lines 47-65 and abstract].

Arguments & Responses

4. Applicant's arguments filed on June 10, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive reason.

Applicant's Arguments:

A) The applicant states that the system of Cannon & Pinder fail to disclose querying a database of device, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic.

B) The system of Cannon does not include devices of different susceptibilities.

Response to arguments:

A & B) Cannon discloses a method & system for providing a device with protection from weather events [figs.1-2, col.2, lines 3-17 and col.3, lines 10-23] comprising:

- receiving (32) a notification from a weather event / severe weather [col.4, lines 11-17 and lines 58-67];
- storm alert determination module (32) at least one weather characteristic as a local storm / wind alert warning [col.2, lines 53-67, col.4, lines 58 to col.5, line 19];
- a computer system (10) is connected to a weather service communication server (30) for receiving / determining the weather event such as local storm as a current location / wind alert warning [col.3, lines 10-24 and col.4, lines 8-19];
- the computer system (10) is automatically power down as a protection action when the severe weather is predicted , imminent or currently occurring in the local area [fig.2, col.2, lines 9-17 and col.3, lines 10-24].

Cannon does not specifically disclose the notification of the weather event includes an indication of a geographic region for the weather event, ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic, the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

However, Cannon discloses the system for protection devices as the computer system (10) from weather events NOT only one computer itself, the system may include more than one as desired which those skilled in the art will recognize that and Cannon discloses the system could be other electronic communication devices such as televisions (40), VCRs, audio devices

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(50), telephones and etc. may connect to the network to receive weather information as periodically or occasionally **contact** the weather service communication server (30) to determine the presence or forecast of severe weather in step (304) as well as earthquake plus other news like sport entertainment, stocks updated, or important news in the U.S and the world is inherently are broadcasted by major communication networks. A processor (20) of the system (10), the storm alert determination module (32) is a software module included within the program code are connected to the computer system (10) components including **data store on the hard drive (400) as storing the weather characteristic as to provide protection against damage and destruction by severe weather** [figs.1, 4, col.5, lines 8-19, col.6, lines 4-17 and lines 45-62].

Furthermore, Pinder teaches a radio communication system (110) is a weather warning system (110) to notify a user which receives weather information from the weather service broadcast center (105) when weather alerts issued to geographic area of interest with area codes (120,130,140) or specific area / particular county such as tornado, high winds, hurricane, winter storm or national emergencies includes time of interval or time of the day by a wireless communication signals [figs.1-4, col.2, lines 23-55] and the radio communication system (110) which receives information from a weather service broadcast center (105) as part of the locality information and querying a database, which database maps event location codes to corresponding transmitter locations as a search criteria [fig.1, col.5, lines 1-6 and col.6, lines 1-6].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilizing the teaching of Pider in the system of Cannon for determining, monitoring and indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten to the residences and for contacting as calling,

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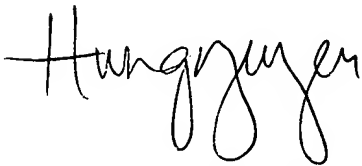
questioning to the weather service center, determining a dangerous of weather event and providing protection against damage and destruction by the severe weather to the electronic equipments.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-6796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hofsass, Jeffery can be reached on (703) 305-4717. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.



Examiner: Hung T. Nguyen

Date: June 22, 2004